

# Gartree High School

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30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach week seven of this long half term, the start of Advent is welcome in school. This marks the season leading up to Christmas and a time of preparation for the celebration of the nativity. In school we have a range of events to look forward to.

Our Christmas performance takes place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. We have sold over a hundred tickets already, so reserve yours as soon as you can.

Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please complete and return your reply slip for this by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer, but no other food will be available in the school canteen. We will use our Christmas lunch date to support Save the Children Christmas Sweater Day. Contributions of £1 could help a child not just to survive but to thrive - funds for this cause are used for essential food, healthcare, education and antibiotics. We will also have a collection on this day to 'Reserve a place at Crisis at Christmas' - for every £28.18 gives a homeless person a warm welcome, Christmas dinner, a bed for the night and a chance to shower and freshen up on Christmas day. Please support us with these good causes if you feel you can.

In our final week we will have our celebration assemblies to reflect on the Autumn term and recognise the achievements of the students. Until such time, it is "business" (learning) as usual. Our Year 11 students have spent this morning working on study skills, revision and preparation for exams as they approach their trial examinations in January. Please note the school will close at 12.20 pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-open for students on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

We have had another busy week of sport and matches. On Tuesday evening, Gartree Year 8 and Year 9 boys' basketball team hosted Manor High School. Two great performances brought about two great wins. The Year 8s won 14-6 and the Year 9s won 23-6. Well done boys – a great set of results! The Year 9 teams now qualify for the County Cup knockout stages. Also on Tuesday, our Year 7 girls' futsal team travelled to South Wigston High School to play in the South Leicestershire tournament. They produced some wonderful performances, winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2 of their matches. All the matches were very close - superb effort girls!

On Wednesday our year 10 boys' basketball team hosted Manor High School. In a high scoring game, Gartree came out winners 28-12. The boys will now progress into the County Cup, representing Oadby and Wigston Schools. Also on Wednesday, our Year 8/9 girls' futsal team travelled to South

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Wigston High School to play in a tournament. Some very close and exciting games saw Gartree finishing fourth.

Good luck to our Year 9 boys' rugby team, who play the quarter final of the Leicestershire Schools' cup at Robert Smyth next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Singleton'.

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